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Formerly SNARS Coronavirus Bored as Hell Antidote!

NEW PRODUCT REVIEW: CHAMELEON ANTENNA - New TDL (Tactical Delta Loop) antenna is a great addition to their product line. The Delta Loop is not only a great transmitting antenna but a low noise receiving antenna. The direction of fire is broadside to the antenna. This means that if the base wire of the antenna goes



from north to south, the direction of gain will be east and west.

<https://chameleonantenna.com/shop-here/ols/products/cha-tld>

The antenna is multi-band, light weight, simple to erect and easy to use! It works! Please see the attachment above and watch the great real world use video below from Julian OH8STN out on the arctic tundra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGUmJeGFS0Y&t=2s>

RADIO HISTORY: SCARBOROUGH REEF

- In 1996, Scarborough Reef (Huangyan Island), located in the South China Sea near China, Taiwan and the Philippines, became a hot location for DXers trying to work the world. The ARRL's ruling to make Scarborough Reef (BS7) a DXCC entity came after much debate as to whether it met the criteria, with some committee members arguing that the rocks that comprise the reef do not constitute islands. After initial rejection by the powers that be, Scarborough Reef was added to the DXCC entities list. DXers had mixed reactions. Some praised the courage of those who would dare to operate from the coral atoll, which is almost completely submerged at high tide. Then there was this common response: "Why in the Sam Hill is BS7 a DXCC entity?"



In addition to the logistical hurdles of operating from the reef, the highly charged political climate of the region (China, Taiwan and

the Philippines have all laid claim to the land), has made DXpeditions to Scarborough Reef exceedingly rare. At the time of the May 2007 BS7H DXpedition to Scarborough Reef, it was the most-wanted DXCC entity in North America. Working in shifts while operating from wooden platforms mounted atop the reef's four rocks that are exposed at high tide, the BS7H team braved dangerous conditions and jagged coral to log a remarkable 45,830 QSOs during a week's stay.

ARE WE CRAZY OR WHAT? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vcsvsvtDcU>



TO DO: RADIO SHACK - is still in business.

<https://www.radioshack.com/> and has just been bought out by REV LLC, (Retail Ecommerce Ventures). They still have 400 independent

owned stores. They also have 80 stores within a store at Hobby Town. The company also owns Pier 1 and many other distressed retailers. Let's try to support them! They have supported us since 1921



Congratulations to Jim Hughes W6FHZ on turning 97!

Till next time, stay well, stay tuned !
73, Don W7SSB

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